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	From Sir Claude Hill. Delhi. Do Dt 17 December 1919. Forwarding a copy of a letter addressed to certain of the Ruling Princes of India whom he met on the occasion of the last Chiefs' Conference in Delhi for the Estt: of an Indian Red Cross Society & requesting to send full information thereon to the Secretary.
2	To Sir Claude Hill Do Dt 27-12-19. Advising that H.H. is in favour of the proposal & that this State will support any practical scheme that may be brought forward with the said object.

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HUZUR SECRETARY MYSORE

THE PALACE,
MYSORE.
27th December 1919.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT D.O. No. 266
POLITICAL BRANCH. 3 JAN. 1920

My dear Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information and return, when done with, the enclosed papers on the subject of the establishment of an Indian Red Cross Society.

Yours Sincerely
Mirza M. Ismail

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C.S.I.,
Bangalore.

Recd 28.12.19.
This may be worked up in the usual course & submitted with previous papers of same.
Ch. Secy.

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will you kindly have previous papers sent up & a note prepared -
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There are no previous references on the matter.

It is understood that there is a Mysore Branch of the St Johns Ambulance Assn. of which Srijut M. Lakshmi Kantaraja Urs is the President. The Bangalore Branch is presided over by the Honble Mr H. V. Cobb.

2) ~~The~~ Both these are branches of the parent-organisation in England. The present proposal is to form an independent organisation for India.

3) A Copy of the Circular letter addressed by the Honble Sir Colande Hill to the Provincial Heads of the Organisation is not forthcoming in the papers received from the Mysore Secty.

4) The reply of His Highness the Maharaja ~~fully~~, however, fully answers Sir C. Hill's letter.

5) No further action appears necessary now. A Copy ~~of~~ of the Correspondence has been ~~taken~~ placed in this file.

6) The originals may be returned to

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Delhi, 17th December 1919.

My dear Maharaja,

I venture to enclose a copy of a letter which I addressed to certain of the Ruling Princes of India whom I had the pleasure of meeting on the occasion of the last Chiefs' Conference in Delhi. It occurs to me that the subject of an Indian Red matter therein dealt with, namely the establishment of an Indian Red Cross Society, may also be of interest to Your Highness and that, if so, you would wish me to address you on the subject. I think that the enclosures to this letter will give Your Highness full information regarding our proposals and I will only add that any interest which may be displayed in Your Highness's State in the matter will be very cordially welcomed by those interested in what should be a very important Indian movement for the relief of suffering and distress.

Yours sincere friend,

Sd. Claude Hill.

Colonel His Highness Maharaja Sri Sir Krishnaraja
Wadiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.B.E.,
Maharaja of Mysore,
Mysore.

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Delhi, 29th November 1919.

My dear

When I had the pleasure of meeting some of the Ruling Princes informally at the time of the last Chiefs' Conference in Delhi, those present were good enough to agree that I should address them direct on the subject of the establishment of an Indian Red Cross Society. I undertook that I would do so and herewith, in fulfilment of my promise, I send for Your Highness's information and consideration a copy of the circular letter which I am addressing to the Heads of the Provincial Branches of the Joint War Committee.

2. I do not propose to worry Your Highness by recapitulating in this letter all the facts and suggestions which are contained in that letter since I assume that Your Highness will read it. I would, however, earnestly draw your attention to the organization, which is described in paragraph 10, which we propose to bring into being for the working of the new scheme. The organization there sketched out is based, of course, upon the conditions obtaining in the provinces of British India and in detail it will require modification if it is to be adopted in any of Your Highnesses' States. Might I however, suggest that, if, as I believe to be the case, Your Highness is keenly - desirous of co-operating in this humanitarian movement, it might be well to appoint a very small committee of State officials to consider the possibility of forming a State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society and to deliberate upon the machinery which would be necessary.

3. As Your Highness will see from the enclosed letter, I am asking the Heads of Provincial Branches of the Joint War Committee to agree to the whole matter being discussed, so far as British India organization is concerned, by the Governors of

of the Provinces, who are to be at Delhi during the ensuing January. I cannot hope that any of Your Highnesses will also find it possible to discuss details personally and this seems the less necessary in view of the opportunity I had of meeting you at Delhi and explaining matters. Nevertheless, it would very greatly help me and the Heads of Provinces if Your Highness could find it possible to reply to this letter and to give me some indication of your intentions in regard to this question before the 15th of January.

4. I enclose also, together with the copy of my letter, not only a copy of the agreement and of the circular which has issued in England to County Associations, but also copies of the letters I have received from His Excellency the Viceroy and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, from which Your Highness will see how keenly the movement interests both Lord Chelmsford and Sir Charles Monro. I cannot but feel myself that this is pre-eminently a movement in which British India can join with the States ruled over by the Ruling Princes of India and in which all classes, creeds and races can co-operate for the common weal; and I am quite certain that Your Highness will feel with me and my Committee, that, such being the case, we ought to spare no effort to establish an organization which will make the Indian Red Cross Society a worthy member of the League of Red Cross Societies, which has now been established.

Yours sincerely,

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

83, Pall Mall, S.W.-1

September 1919.

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The matters which we hope to bring under the immediate attention of the Joint Council are :-

(1) The care of the sick and wounded men of His Majesty's Forces whether still on the active list or demobilised.

(2) Such care as may still be necessary for prisoners of war.

(3) The care of those suffering from tuberculosis, having regard in the first place to soldiers and sailors whether they have contracted the disease on active service or not.

(4) Child Welfare.

(5) Work parties to provide the necessary garments, etc. for hospitals and health institutions in need of them.

(6) Assistance required in all branches of nursing, health and welfare work, ancillary to the Ministry of Health.

(7) Red Cross War and Peace Hospital Library.

(8) Home Service Ambulance Work.

I will deal with these matters in the order in which I have place them.

1. The War Office and Ministry of Pensions are, of course, responsible for the care of these men, but experience has shown that there is a considerable field for voluntary assistance. Most Counties already have schemes of their own for dealing with these men, and it is hoped that the grants which we have recently made to the Counties will facilitate this work.

2. A few cases are still occurring where help is needed by men who have been prisoners of war, but this is a rapidly diminishing quantity and should very soon disappear altogether.

3. Personally, I believe that in helping the State in the fight against tuberculosis the Joint Corporations will find a great opportunity for their workers. I suggest that we should work in close connection with the National Association for the Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis with which many of the Counties are already in touch, and in conformity with whose scheme, embracing England and Wales, most of the grants recently given to the Counties in this connection were allocated.

I shall shortly circulate to the County authorities the whole scheme of the National Association in the hope that they may see their way to carry out that part of the scheme which is allotted to each individual County.

4. ~~Man~~ Invaluable assistance can be given to the State authorities in spreading information and in carrying out preventive measures, as well as in the provision of homes open air institutions, farm colonies, etc. which are so sorely needed.

4. Many of our V.A.D's have already taken up work in connection with Child Welfare and many others are only awaiting an opportunity to do so.

A Central Council of Child Welfare has been formed which will, I hope, work under our auspices. The Societies represented are :-

Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres.
Babies of the Empire Society.
Child Welfare Travelling Exhibitions Committee.
Children's Jewel Fund.
Incorporated Midwives Institute.
Invalid Children's Aid Society.
National Baby Week Council.
National Council for the Unmarried mother and her child.

National Health Society.
National League for Health ,Maternity and Child Welfare.
National Society of Day Nurseries.
National Society for the prevention of Infant Mortality.

These Societies cover practically all the various branches of Child Welfare work and have centres in many of the Counties, with which it would be advisable for our local organizations to get into touch.

5. During the war we had a large number of work parties and individual home workers throughout the country under the general control of the central Work Rooms in London. The primary object of these work parties was to supply the needs of the hospitals in their own district and county, and, by arrangement with our Central Work Rooms in London, to send us any surplus that they had. The Central Work Rooms also sent out from time to time a statement of special needs of the military and Red Cross hospitals, and in this manner a very large amount of garments, etc., was provided for the work of the Joint War Committee. The same system can well be followed in peace time. In every County there are County Hospitals and other Institutions in need of garments, etc. Work Parties should be formed to supply these needs. In London, we will have a Central Work Room Organization, whose duty it will be to collect surplus goods from the Counties, and to distribute them among the Hospitals and Child Welfare Centres which may be in need of them. I am confident that as soon as it becomes known that we have a store of this kind, the applications will be very numerous and heavy. In this way a large amount of work will be found for Red Cross Workers in their own way districts and specially for those who for various reasons cannot leave their own homes.

6. Nursing in all its branches must necessarily appeal to V.A. D's who have done so much of this work

during the war. Scholarships have already been given to our V.A.D'S in this connection, and I hope that those members who either cannot or do not wish to undergo the full training necessary for a certificated nurse may qualify themselves for rendering that supplementary assistance to the regular profession which they rendered so efficiently and so successfully in time of war. There will also be many openings for V.A.D's in connection with the various Welfare and Health Departments of the new Ministry of Health.

7. The Red Cross War Library, which was instituted during the War, has sent out an enormous number of books, magazines,etc., for the sick and wounded men in the Military and Auxiliary Hospitals. This branch of our work was very highly appreciated and we feel that it would be a pity to let it drop, especially having regard to the fact that civilians in hospital require this form of help just as much as military patients. This work is so well thought of that money has already been specially allocated to it by the Joint Finance Committee. As in the case of the Work Rooms our plan of action will be to ask the County Branches to collect books for their own County Re Organization and to send up to us those which they can spare. The war hospitals Library has now been - organized for peace time under the title of "The Red Cross War and Peace Hospital Library".

8. At the end of the war we found ourselves with a large number of ambulances in France and elsewhere and we decided to carry out a scheme under which ambulances will be placed under the control of the County Directors and located in such a way that a net-work of ambulances will be established covering practically the whole country. In this way any sufferers will be within easy reach of an ambulance which can either bring assistance to them or take them to the nearest hospital. The scheme is already in existence and it is found even in these early days to be working well.

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The Palace, Mysore,

27th December 1919.

My dear Sir Claude Hill,

In reply to your letter of the 17th December, I write to say that I am in favour of the proposal to constitute an Indian Red Cross Society to work conjointly with the St. John's Ambulance Association and that my State will gladly support any practical scheme that may be brought forward with that object.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

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D.O.No.512
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Bangalore,
13th January 1920.

My Dear Sir,

I return herewith, after perusal, the papers received with your demi-official letter No. 266 dated the 27th ultimo on the subject of the establishment of an Indian Red Cross Society.

Yours sincerely,

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Mirza M. Ismail, Esq., B.A.,
Huzur Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.